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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Second Phone Call From John Lehman, of Dr. Kissinger's Staff, Re Director's Possible Appearance Before Senator Symington's Subcommittee on 17 November 1969

1. Shortly after 3:00 p.m., I received a call from Mr. Lehman informing me that the Director would be testifying jointly with Ambassador Unger before Senator Symington's Subcommittee on U.S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 17 November. Mr. Lehman said he would like to know whether Mr. Maury would be accompanying the Director and also wished to request, on behalf of the White House, a short memorandum containing a rundown on the hearing after the Director appears.

2. I advised Mr. Lehman that his call to Mr. Maury had been our only information about a possible appearance and pointed out that we had not been approached by the Symington Subcommittee. He said he expected that we would receive a request from the Subcommittee.

3. In the interest of avoiding any confusion I asked Mr. Lehman if we were in agreement that his call was merely an alert to us and that we were not expected to do anything on this until such time as we received a call from the Subcommittee. He said that was correct and added that "we (the White House) are not, obviously, in the act." I also pointed out to Mr. Lehman my understanding that the Director had a commitment to be at the White House for a briefing of the Congressional leadership at 8:00 a.m. and that an appearance before the Symington Subcommittee would obviously conflict with that. Mr. Lehman indicated vague awareness of the leadership meeting and said that this would naturally take precedence over any request from the Hill.

4. I told Mr. Lehman I would advise the Director of our conversation.

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